

**State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation**

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Piedras Blancas Elephant Seal Viewing Boardwalk

LOCATION: San Simeon State Park

COUNTY: San Luis Obispo

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT

Construct an approximately 1700 foot-long Americans with Disabilities compliant boardwalk with viewing platforms at key locations along an existing trail adjacent to and between two Caltrans operated parking lots in San Simeon State Park to improve public access to the Elephant Seal viewing area. The boardwalk will be constructed of recycled plastic and pressure treated wood to resist decay. The entire boardwalk project will be constructed on upland fill along an abandoned roadbed and adjacent to the existing parking lots. The boardwalk will improve public access, eliminate use of a volunteer trail system, protect natural resources, and provide platforms at key locations for Elephant seal viewing and interpretation.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: San Luis Obispo Coast District

EXEMPT STATUS:

☒ Categorical Exemption

Class: 4

Section: 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of minor alteration to the condition of land and is included as "construction or installation of park facilities, such as...trail construction and realignment" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR 15300.4.

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